

## RESOLUTION 13-01

### SETTING CRIMINAL INDIGENT DEFENSE COUNSEL RATE OF PAY FOR ST. CLAIR COUNTY CIRCUIT AND DISTRICT COURTS

WHEREAS, Persons arrested and arraigned on a criminal warrant are given the opportunity to apply for court appointed counsel at their initial court appearance. The Circuit and District Courts appoint qualified private attorneys to represent individuals accused of crimes who cannot afford to hire their own lawyer if: (1) The offense charged is punishable by more than 92 days in jail; or (2) The offense charged requires on conviction a minimum term in jail; or (3) The court determines that it might sentence the defendant to jail; and

WHEREAS, as part of the budget review for FY2013, the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners and the Chief Judge of the Circuit and District Court found it necessary to consider hourly rate changes for court appointed counsel in criminal cases; and


WHEREAS, after extensive discussion with the St. Clair County Bar Association, a court proposal was developed, submitted and approved for inclusion in the FY 2013 budget for the Circuit and District Courts.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners, in conjunction with the Circuit and District Courts, does hereby set the hourly rate for court appointed counsel in criminal cases at \$60.00 for all cases appointed on or after January 1, 2013.

**Dated: January 17, 2013**

Reviewed and Approved by:

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